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Rep. Steffen Responds to Governor's Budget Request

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Madison— Representative David Steffen (R-Howard) issued the following statement regarding Governor Evers' Budget Address that was presented to lawmakers Thursday night.

"This was a huge missed opportunity for our state to come together in a bipartisan way. Despite Governor Evers repeatedly saying that he would be willing to work across the aisle to seek common ground, tonight's divisive budget proposal shows that isn't the case.

"Thanks to responsible budgeting and a strong economy under Republican leadership, the state is in an excellent position financially. Our current budget is projected to have a \$600 million surplus and the state's rainy day fund is 190 times larger than it was in 2010. During that time, Republicans also reduced taxes by more than \$8 billion.

"Our goal going forward will be to find common ground and pass a budget that builds on the success we've had as a state over the last eight years. To achieve this goal I want to hear from my constituents. I will be planning in-district listening sessions in the coming weeks to get input on the budget."

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